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SUBJECT: MINISTER NAMES MEMBERS TO LABOR COMMISSION

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1. MINISTER OF LABOR S.P. BOTHA ANNOUNCED THE NAMES AND TERMS OF EXPERIENCE ON JULY 4 OF THE 14 MEMBER COMMISSION OF INQUIRY INTO LABOR LEGISLATION WHICH IS TO BE CHAIRED BY PROFESSOR NICHOLAS WIEHAHN. THE THIRTEEN ADDITIONAL MEMBERS REPRESENT A CROSS SECTION OF ALL POPULATION GROUPS, ORGANIZED LABOR, EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS AND ACADEMICS. THE MOST OBVIOUS OMISSION IS THAT OF ANY DIRECT REPRESENTATION OF THE BLACK LABOR MOVEMENT. THE ONLY BLACK ON THE COMMISSION IS B.N. MOKOATLE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS LEADERSHIP.

2. DISAPPOINTMENT OVER THE FAILURE TO APPOINT A BLACK LABOR LEADER IS WIDESPREAD. LUCY MVUBELO, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE 20,000 STRONG NATIONAL UNION OF CLOTHING WORKERS SAID, " THE GOVERNMENT DOESN'T EVEN RECOGNIZE BLACKS AS WORKERS. TO THE GOVERNMENT BLACK UNIONS DON'T EXIST".

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LEONARD "SKAKES" SIKHIKHANE, CHAIRMAN OF THE URBAN TRAINING PROJECT, WAS QUOTED IN THE PRESS AS SAYING, " MR. MOKOATLE IS AN INTELLECTUAL WHO HAS HAD NO CONTACT WITH WORKERS". RAY ALTMAN, IVP NOMINEE AND SECREATRY OF THE NATIONAL UNION OF DISTRIBUTIVE WORKERS, IS CONCERNED OVER INDICATIONS THAT GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO EXTEND THE WORKS AND LIAISON COMMITTEE SYSTEM TO WHITE AND COLORED

WORKERS.

3. THE COMMISSION'S TERMS OF REFERENCE ALLOW FOR A
POSSIBLE REVIEW OF JOB RESERVATION. IT WILL EXAMINE 12
LAWS PASSED SINCE 1939 WHICH AFFECT LABOR RELATIONS.
FURTHER DETAILS CONCERNING THE COMPOSITION OF THE COM-
MISSION AND ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE ARE BEING SUBMITTED
BY AIRGRAM. KIRBY

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